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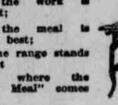
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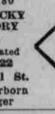
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ISLAND'S PRESENT CONDITION.

In view of the near approach of ne general election for members of Parliament and the entry of the Sinn Fein party into the contest, with prospects of taking the places of the Irish Nationalists, the following interview with the Rev. Father Marshall upon his recent arrival in New York may enlighten

and interest many readers:
"We arrived in Liverpool twelve days ago," said Father Marshall. "Our trunks were gone through very rigidly, which was of course quite right, and to which we naturally made no objection, but hotographs of De Valera, President of the Sinn Fein organization; of Capt. Thomas Ashe, one of the Sinn Fein leaders who died of starvation a few months ago in an English prison, and other pictures of Sinn Fein friends of ours, were all confiscated by the English officials. We had booked our passage on an American liner and had gone down to the docks to the ship, but we were not permitted to go on board. We were held back and told board. we could not proceed. There was no reason given, and we do not know even now why we were molested. We were Sinn Feiners and I suppose that was enough. While we were standing the ship, not knowing what to do

an American army officer came up, learned our situation and stood up for us. We will never forget the kindness of this brave American gentleman. He managed the affair without noise or bustle or excite ment, but he did manage it. It five minutes the whole thing was settled, we were set free and allowed on board. We arrived just when the elections were over and were all quite glad when we heard President Wilson's man was elected Governor, for I may tell you President Wilson's man was elected fovernor, for I may tell you President Wilson is liked and admired in Ireland. At every gathering where his name is mentioned the people spring to their feet and people spring to their feet and cheer and applaud. We look upon President Wilson as the greatest apostle of liberty the world has ever seen. That," said Father Marshall, "is the true feeling in Ireland as far as America is con-

"And how is old Ireland and how lagland just now?" asked the inerviewer

"The jails of Ireland," answered

the clergyman, "are full of untried with English soldiery-250,000 -cannon of all caliber, tanks armed motor cars and military sup plies and equipment of all kind are parked and stored all over the country, even in small mountain hamlets. For the most part, however, the English officers are very decent fellows. They have a very unpleasant duty to perform, but they do it like soldiers and gentle-They do not like their work and they certainly hate the Irish people. While the police go around like Prussian bloodhounds, beating the people, bludgeoning women and children, entering houses at the people, without warrant or cause of any kind, the English officers never molest the people at all. On the contrary, they are kind as they can be and considerate. The condition of Ireland therefore at present moment is that of a terrorzed land where the people have no iberty. Our leaders are in English alls, arrested without warrant and for the past eight months out bail. The charge against without ball. hem was an alleged plot with Ger many, a plot which even the Eng-lish newspapers openly state never existed, and of which there is not the slightest proof. Irish songs can not be sung today in Ireland. Those who sing them are put into jail The Gaelic leagues are suppressed the right of public meeting taker away, our harbors are closed, our railways commandeered, our trade

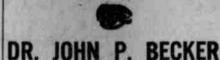
ruined, our industries destroyed. That is the situation," continued Father Marshall, "but I dare Americans do not know that things are that way in England." A short chat on Sinn Fein terminated the interview. The re-porter wanted to know what Sinn Fein really stood for. Father Marshall gave a very lucid explana-

"The Sinn Fein idea," he said, "is simply this. If you want to do anything begin with yourself. Sinn Fein looks upon every individual in the country as an embodiment of the Irish nation in miniature. The Irish nation that we have got to save does not consist of our neighbors, but ourselves. The only part of the Irish nation which part of the Irish nation which good many have any chance of get-ting free immediately is ourselves. Sinn Fein teaches us self-reliance. To de-Anglicize Ireland the first thing is for each single Irishman to de-Anglicize himself. To make reland temperate, become tem-perate yourself. To make Ireland perfect country, a kingdom of od, then the individual Irishman himself must become a perfect individual, a kingdom of God. That is the Sinn Fein idea, you may call it," said the priest, "the ethics of Sinn Fein, but on this ethics of Sinn Fein, but on this foundation the national economic policy of Sinn Fein is built and the national platform was founded. We want Ireland for the Irish. We are a distinct and separate nation in race, history, language, customs and even in our geographical position. But free we will be," said Father Marshall. "America has spoken, her great President has, as we say in Ireland, 'laid down the

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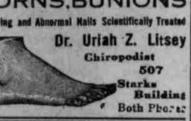
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law.' America is fighting for the freedom and liberty of small nationalities; her sons have died and are dying for it. And that," said Father Marshall, "settles the question. And that, too, is the reason," he continued, "why the Irish people adore Wilson. May God, bless him and his country."

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JUSTICE MUST AND WILL COME.

In spite of the fact that we a letter written by Helen Pendleton, of Newark, N. J., addressed to the Public, a journal of democracy, of New York. writer, "a Southern woman born and educated in Virginia," takes exception to certain statements made by Bolton Smith and James Weldon Johnson in the Public regarding the ...merican negro war-time. Taking up one of statements made by Smith,

ady writes: 'It is surprising to find that any thoughtful Southerner should take seriously the charge that has occasionally found voice in the news papers that German propaganda i responsible for unrest among the negroes! If here and there such negroes! attempts have been made with some apparent success it is of small moment in comparison with the deep feeling of unrest, the despair and resentment which have slowly seeped into the souls of great masses of colored folk. The war with Germany has nothing to do with it. The civil war has a good deal, and it is as old as that and

Miss (or Mrs.) Pendleton thus properly designates the beginning and some of the phases of our negro problem. Entering upon one of the specific phases of the ques-tion she continues: "Everywhere he goes the negro is confronted with the fact that he belongs to the most unprivileged people in She says it is not sur prising that an occasional soap-box orator should make statements erogatory to the negro; "what is the fact that more white people are not willing to get really acquainted with the human being whose skin happens to be black, and see that the negro's failings are human failings, shared by all weak and ignorant people alike, and that given education and opportunity he has a distinct contribution to make to this greatest of all experiments The writer deplores bitterly the "It is my experience, alas!" she continues, "that white people as a rule everywhere in our country do not believe in the Both Phorer negro's capacity for education and Fortunately, however, rogress. there is a large and growing group of people who do." Social work-ers, Miss Pendleton remarks with a show of optimism, "are rapidly multiplying, and it is their business to see that all sorts and conditions of people get acquainted with another. The present Secretary of other. War is a social worker and even the President of the United States omes dangerously near being one. It is through their kind of propa-

> to the negro.' It would be difficult indeed, not impossible, to controvert the statements of the correspondent of the Public. Essentially her conirrefutable. tentions are American Catholics have all the more reason to deplore this condition, because they should long ago have felt themselves impelled by charity to neutralize the cause which have led up to this condi-tion. Moreover, had we as Catholics taken a proper amount of in-terest in the negro in the past his spiritual, his religious standing would now be vastly superior to what it is. It behooves us to face the negro problem soon and seriously, not only by the support of the negro missions but also by earnest efforts in our own cities. The reproof expressed by Helen Pendleton is general, it is directed against Americans generally; but conscientious Catholics will read out of it a serious reproach for their particular indifference. C. B. of C. V.

HISTORIC CHRISTMAS.

rectly, and the result of his daring maneuver was that he attacked Col. Rahl at sunrise. The commanding officer and twenty of the enemy were killed and 1,000 taken prisoners. Two Americans were killed, and two were frozen to death, Washington's valor, however, saved the American cause.

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ganda that the difficult and complex justice . . . which we are aiming at now in the world will And it must and will come

Christmas night, 1776, George Washington crossed Delaware and the next day curred the battle of Trenton. fessians were naturally surprised. They took it for granted that the Revolutionary army would rest upon ts arms and permit them to enjoy its arms and permit them to enjoy their Christmas peace, but Washington concluded that the deed would be bettered by the day, and he loaded his small army into boats and crossed the icy waters of the muddy river. He reckoned correctly, and the result of his daring